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FOR CHARGE FROM ASST SECY ROGERS AND AMB MAILLIARD

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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE RIO TREATY MEETING - CUBA SANCTIONS

1. YOU HAVE THE EXCHANGE WITH FACIO AND WE WOULD NOW LIKE YOU TO SEE LIEVANO PRIVATELY ON THE SAN JOSE MEETING. TELL HIM WE PLAN FOR MAILLIARD TO HEAD OUR DELEGATION AND FOR YOU TO BE VICE-CHAIRMAN. CONFIRM THAT WE REMAIN PREPARED, ONCE A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE RIO TREATY IS APPROVED AND SIGNED AT SAN JOSE, TO COOPERATE IN FINDING A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE CUBA SANCTIONS ISSUE.

2. AS DISCUSSED WITH LIEVANO AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE STRONGLY PREFER A QTE FREEDOM OF ACTION UNQTE FORMULA BUTTRESSED WITH STRONG LANGUAGE ON NON-INTERVENTION MEANT FOR THE CUBANS. (THE LIEVANO QTE TWO-STEP UNQTE IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE, BUT WE SHARE HIS ASSESSMENT THAT IT COULD MEET
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WITH JURIDICAL OBJECTIONS FROM OTHERS.)

3. TELL HIM WE HAVE SPOKEN TO FACIO IN ORDER NOT TO UNDERTAKE ANY CONSULTATIONS THAT MIGHT INADVERTENTLY CAUSE THE HOST GOVERNMENT ANY EMBARRASSMENT. HE IS FULLY PREPARED TO SEE THE SANCTIONS ISSUE RESOLVED IN A RIO TREATY ORGAN OF CONSULTATION AT SAN JOSE, BUT UNDERSTANDABLY WISHES TO AVOID PREMATURE PUBLICITY, THEREBY FURTHER EXCITING CUBAN EXILE GROUPS AND ENHANCING THE ALREADY DELICATE SECURITY PROBLEM. THUS, HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE CALCULATED TO AVOID BUILDING UP TENSION. HE PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL TOWARDS END OF RIO TREATY MEETING BEFORE PUBLIC MOVES ARE UNDERTAKEN TO CONVOKE PERMANENT COUNCIL IN SAN JOSE SO THAT IT COULD PERFORM ITS MANDATORY TASK OF CONVOKING THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION.

4. AS WE TOLD FACIO, THE U.S. WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE A LEAD, BUT IS PREPARED TO MAKE KNOWN DISCREETLY ITS SUPPORT OF A SUITABLY WORDED QTE FREEDOM OF ACTION UNQTE TYPE OF FORMULA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PROMISE TO LIEVANO WE PLAN TO KEEP IN TOUCH AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS AND WOULD APPRECIATE HIS PRELIMINARY VIEWS. KISSINGER

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